



## **DELAWARE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH (DIMER) QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING**

**May 16, 2018**

University of Delaware STAR Campus Health Sciences Complex, Rm. 113  
540 S. College Avenue  
Newark, DE 19713

### **Meeting Attendance**

#### **Board Members Present:**

- Sherman Townsend (Chair)
- Katherine Collison, MSM
- Neil Jasani, MD, MBA
- Chuan-Shue Lee, MD
- Kathleen Matt, PhD
- Lisa Maxwell, MD
- James Richards, PhD

#### **Board Members Absent:**

- Michael Alexander, MD
- David Barlow, PhD
- John Glenn, MD
- Vincent Lobo, Jr., DO
- Robert Monteleone, MD (new member)
- Wayne Smith
- Carl Turner, MD

#### **School Liaisons Present:**

- Deborah Bevenger (PCOM)

#### **Health Care Commission Staff Present:**

- Ann Kempinski, Executive Director
- Kiara Cole, Community Relations Officer
- Eschalla Clarke, Social Services Sr. Administrator
- Keanna Faison, Director of Policy & Planning
- La Ronda Moore, Executive Program Assistant



**Guests:**

- Omar Khan, Delaware Health Services Alliance (DHSA)
- Elizabeth Lewis, Hamilton Goodman Partners

**CALL TO ORDER**

Sherman Townsend called the meeting to order at approximately 4:30 p.m. and announced that this would be a short meeting because of the uncertainty of traffic getting to his next appointment.

**APPROVAL OF JANUARY 24, 2018 MEETING MINUTES**

Due to a lack of a quorum the meeting minutes were not approved. The January 24, 2018 meeting minutes will be approved at the next DIMER Board Meeting on Wednesday, September 19, 2018 pending a quorum. The Board suggested minor edits to the existing draft.

**REPORT ON ENTERING CLASSES (CLASS OF 2021) AT PCOM & SKMC**

The DIMER funding for Delaware resident students to Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM) helps support program instructions and student services for program participants in the 4-year educational program.

A report regarding the entering classes at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM) and Sidney Kimmel Medical College (SKMC) was provided by school liaison, Deborah Bevenger. In fall 2017, PCOM welcomed 18 new first-year Delaware resident medical students in the class of 2021. This group brought the total Delaware resident medical student enrollment for 2017-18 to 75, representing a 9% increase from the previous year. Across the college, 96 Delaware resident students enrolled in all graduate or professional degree programs in 2017-18, an 8% increase over 2016-17. Of the 49 Delaware residents who submitted supplemental applications to the Philadelphia Campus osteopathic medical program, 38 (78%) were invited for interviews, which is exceedingly higher than other states (only 13% of applicants with complete applications were interviewed).

The overall acceptance rate for all candidates for 2017 was 9.5%. **This compares to an acceptance rate of 58% and an enrollment rate 37% for the Delaware applicants** to the 2017 osteopathic medical program.

Total primary applications received (AACOMAS): 56  
PCOM Supplementals received: 43

Invited to Interview: 33  
Interviewed: 33  
Accepts: 21



**Confirms** (as of 5/15) 20

Male: 11

Female: 9

**Counties represented:**

New Castle: 16

Sussex: 2

Kent: 2

**Ethnicity:**

Multiple Races: 6

Asian: 3

Unidentified: 1

Puerto Rican: 1

White: 9

**Wait List: 6**

The Sidney Kimmel Medical College school liaison was not present and an update on the entering class was not reported.

**SLRP COMMITTEE MEMBER APPOINTMENT FROM DIMER**

Wayne Smith was nominated to serve as a member on the newly established SLRP committee board. However, due to his schedule he has appointed Marilyn Hill, Director of Physician Services of Beebe Healthcare to serve as acting committee member.

**SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT AND PRESENTATION ON DIMER FUTURE PLAN**

Health care is a major contributor to job growth in Delaware. The DIMER program is a major source of workforce development and economic stimulus for the state. This needs to be a key theme in advocating for the program with the state legislature.

Another direct impact of the program is at the county and local community level. The economic impact from having 169 DIMER graduates practicing in the state in terms of jobs created, tax revenue generated and local stimulus for the economy cannot be over emphasized.

Having the program linked to loan repayment and scholarships has clouded the messaging and real intent and priorities of the program. This appears to be the case both with the state legislature and the public in general. The program may benefit from de-linking the two in order to give better transparency to the real priorities of the program.



DIMER will create a tracking program and maintain a regularly updated database of the students in the program and their eventual practice patterns and locations. The subcommittee felt that this was an important ongoing effort in order to better advocate for the program.

As one of only five states in the country without a medical school, it would cost 200+ million dollars to build a new school and many more millions would be required to sustain it on an annual basis. The DIMER program at less than 2 million dollars a year is a bargain.

The program also has a direct impact on access to healthcare for state residents. Not only as a result of the DIMER graduates practicing in the state, but also via the program support for the medical residency and general practice dentistry programs. These types of programs deliver direct patient care to the underinsured and uninsured patient population.

#### DIMER BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The board term limits document included all board members and when their current term will expire. Some of which have already been expired and will expire this year. See chart below for current and expired terms of DIMER Board members (last revised on May 15, 2018):

Status	Name	Organization	Appointed By	Years of Service as of 2018	Original Start Date	Current Term End Date
Member	Alexander, Michael	Nemours	Governor	13	3/31/2005	7/28/2013
Member	Barlow, David A.	Department of Education	DOE	9	7/12/2009	7/12/2015
Ex-Officio	Collison, Katherine (Designee for Karyl Rattay)	DHSS - Division of Public Health	DPH	2	10/18/2016	10/18/2019
Member	Glenn, John F.	Bayhealth Surgical Associates	Governor	5	1/24/2013	11/21/2014
Member	Robert A. Monteleone	Family Practice Physician	Governor	0	5/2/2018	5/2/2021
Member	Jasani, Neil	Christiana Care Health Services	CCHS	6	9/28/2012	9/20/2015
Member	Lee, Chuan Shue	Internal Medicine Specialist	Governor	5	1/18/2013	1/18/2016
Member	Lobo, Jr., Vincent	Bay Health	Governor	13	6/7/2005	11/22/2017
Member	Matt, Kathleen S.	University of Delaware	UD	9	9/18/2009	1/20/2015
Member	Maxwell, Lisa	Christiana Care Health Services	CCHS	7	6/24/2011	2/3/2016
Member	Richards, James	University of Delaware	UD	13	5/2/2005	1/20/2018
Member	Smith, Wayne A.	Delaware Healthcare Association	ADH	11	3/27/2007	8/19/2014
Chair	Townsend, Sherman	University of Delaware	UD	29	8/14/1989	1/20/2015
Member	Turner, Carl E.	Internal Medicine Specialist	Governor	10	10/17/2008	11/21/2014

Dr. Robert Monteleone was announced as a new board member, replacing Dr. Galicano F. Inguito, Jr. MD, MBA, CPE from St. Francis Hospital.



## **FUTURE CHAIRMANSHIP OF DIMER**

Sherman Townsend's chair appointment will expire in June 2018. There was uncertainty on next steps and how a new appointment for the DIMER chair position is elected. A new chair will be voted into a new term by mid-June 2018 by the Office of the Governor. Mr. Townsend has a meeting scheduled with Governor Carney on June 8, 2018 to discuss the appointment and/or reappointment of a Chair.

Dean Kathy Matt, commended Chairman Townsend for his years of commitment and service to DIMER. Lisa Maxwell from Christiana Care Health Systems also chimed in to commend Mr. Townsend.

## **DELAWARE HEALTH SCIENCE ALLIANCE – DHSA MEETING AND DISCUSSION OF DIMER**

Omar Khan, President and CEO of the Delaware Health Sciences Alliance, provided a brief update on the DHSA meeting and how much of a success it was. The purpose of the meeting was to collaborate to improve the health of those in the surrounding region, affiliate institutions throughout Delaware.

Chairman Townsend negotiated with DHSA to designate DIMER-specific staff person. Collectively, DHSA and DIMER, via DHCC will coordinate outreach efforts with students.

## **ENTERING STUDENTS LETTERS AND RECEPTION**

Through DIMER, Delaware has a relationship with both SKMC and PCOM. Omar Khan provided an overview of the Welcome Letters that were drafted and will be sent to PCOM and SKMC first year (freshmen) students in the coming weeks. The DIMER letterhead was used for the welcome letters. These are the first official documents DIMER students will receive after entering the program through the schools.

There will be a reception held on July 12, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to celebrate Delaware physicians who started their medical training through DIMER. The July event will be targeted to Branch Campus students who have committed to doing their third and fourth year clinical rotations at Christiana Care. As well as students who have been accepted to SKMC and PCOM as first year medical students.

## **OTHER BUSINESS – STATE INNOVATION MODEL UPDATE**

Ann Kempinski, Executive Director of the Delaware Health Care Commission presented Dr. Nancy Fan's State Innovation Model (SIM) update PowerPoint. The presentation provided an overview of all SIM-related activities, behavioral health initiative (BHI) and a Primary Care Workgroup.

A Primary Care Workgroup meeting will take place on Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup> from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.



Delaware Institute for Dental Education and Research (DIDER) and DIMER will conduct a joint meeting on September 19, 2018 at the Star Campus. Present board members did not oppose this meeting.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 19, 2018.

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